

Attachment - Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background:

This instruction provides information on five (5) new portable x-ray Level II HCPCS modifiers reportable with HCPCS R0075. The creation of these new modifiers standardizes the reporting of these services and enables CMS to accurately track these services for future pricing.

B. Policy:

Modifiers for Transportation of Portable X-Rays (R0075) -- Effective January 1, 2004, one of five new modifiers will be required on Medicare claims when reporting HCPCS code R0075 (Transportation of portable x-ray equipment and personnel to home or nursing home, per trip to facility or location, more than one patient seen).

Only a single transportation payment for each trip the portable x-ray supplier makes to a particular location (e.g., nursing home) is allowed. When reporting a transportation service and more than one Medicare patient is x-rayed at the same location, payment for R0075 is prorated among all patients receiving the services.

R0075 must be billed in conjunction with the CPT radiology codes (70000 series) and only when the x-ray equipment used was actually transported to the location where the x-ray was taken. R0075 would not apply to the x-ray equipment stored in the location where the x-ray was done (e.g., a nursing home) for use as needed.

Below are the definitions for each modifier that must be reported with R0075. Only one of these five modifiers can be reported with R0075.

UN Two patients served
UP Three patients served
UQ Four patients served
UR Five patients served
US Six patients or more served

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement

"Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
1	Medicare contractors shall accept the new modifiers in order to process claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2004. As part of the annual update these modifiers will already be included in the 2004 HCPCS file.	Carrier
2	Contractors shall inform affected providers by	Carrier

	posting either a summary or relevant portions of this document on the Web site within two weeks. Also, contractors shall publish this same information in their next regularly scheduled bulletin. If they have a listserv that targets affected providers, they shall use it to notify subscribers that information on new modifiers for transportation of portable x-rays is available on their Web site.	
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II. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions:

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions
	N/A

B. Design Considerations:

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements
	N/A

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

IV. ATTACHMENTS: None

Effective Date: January 1, 2004 Implementation Date: January 1, 2004 Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Stephanie Monroe, Ph.D. at (410) 786-6864. Post-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate regional office	These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.
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